## Adjournment motion regarding Water Scarcity in Trichur.

**President.**—The Member for Trichur has sent in a motion for an adjournment of the House to discuss, according to him, a matter of urgent, public importance. It is about the water scarcity in Trichur. The House had already ample opportunity to discuss about it, and has it under P. W. D. cuts. Further, it is not of such an urgency, specially in this part of the year, to invoke the provisions of the adjournment motion. So, I have to regretfully decline to grant the leave asked for.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Sir, is it not necessary to ask the person who submits an adjournment motion to give an explanation why the motion is of an urgent nature ? It is only after listening to the explanation that the President generally gives his ruling. I just point it out that generally, in fairness to the person who moves this resolution, a chance is given to him to show to the President that the matter is of public importance and that it is urgent. I regret I was not enabled to give the necessary explanation to the President.

**President.**—Is there any rule to that effect ?

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Anyhow the President has given his ruling.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—No.

**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—A statement under Rule 20 (1) is expected to be exhaustive and self-explanatory, Sir.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—I know the rule, Sir. But that has been the custom.

## Voting of Demands for Grants (*contd.*):—

## Demand No. XXVII—Public Works—Rs. 11,70,034.

*Motion No. 16—(contd.)*

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Sir, on a point of personal explanation, in the reply the Member for Medicine brought to the notice of this House that we (the two doctor Members) were the first to bring this idea into the Council. I admit I was the first person who brought the idea of having paid wards in the hospitals at Ernakulam and Trichur. My impression then was out of the large number of beds 10 or 12 may be reserved for paying wards and not to put up a new building. When the question of Rs. 20,000 or Rs. 40,000 for putting up a new building was moved in the last budget, my argument was the same. Even now we do not stand against the provision of setting apart 6 or 10 beds in the General Hospital as paid wards, out of the beds already in existence in the General Hospital. I do not deny that it was I who first moved on the matter nor do I stand against it now. I am against the erection of a new building at a cost of Rs. 40,000 or more for 6 beds.

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